

REMARKS

Claims 1-34, 37-44, 46-48, 51-60, and 62-78 were pending. Claims 72-73 and 77-78 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-34, 37-44, 46-48, 51-60, and 62-71, and 74-76 remain pending subsequent entry of the present amendment.

In the present Office Action, claims 1-34, 37-44, 46-48, 51-60, 62-71 and 74-76 are allowed. Claims 72-73 and 77-78 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,229,593 ("Cato"). Applicant has canceled claims 72-73 and 77-78 in order to expedite allowance of the present application.

Applicant believes the application is now in condition for allowance. Should the examiner believe issues remain which would prevent the application from proceeding to allowance, the below signed representative would appreciate, and requests, a telephone interview in order to facilitate a speedy resolution. The below signed representative can be reached at (512) 853-8866.

CONCLUSION

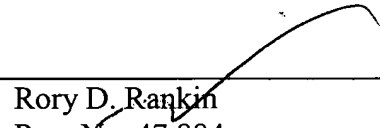
Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5957-16201/RDR.

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